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THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

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hn bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon Him." (From the series of scenes he life of Christ by the Italian sculptor, D. Mastroianni.)

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The Cross Still Towers

A LENTEN THOUGHT

FEW words have been written about Lent which describe the Cross more vividly than does the hymn line in which we sing of it as "towering o'er the wrecks of time." That expression always kindles the imagination.

The artist who drew the pen sketch which appears here had probably never heard the hymn which so describes the Cross. How could he have? He is a German—one who through the war kept his faith and grew in it. He gave this sketch, and a number of others, to an ELC chaplain who in turn made them available to the editor. (The price: some CARE packages sent to the artist.)

The sketch is not true to the Gospel narration of the Crucifixion. It shows only one Cross, not the three of history. No cross ever elevated the condemned so high; in truth, the feet of the crucified were not much more than twelve or eighteen inches from the ground. Nor is the scene authentic: the Crucifixion took place on a low knoll, not on a mountain top; the surroundings are German, not Palestinian. Were one to judge the sketch by its physical authenticity, one would have to find fault with it.

BUT we do not so judge it. It was spiritually conceived, and we judge it spiritually. It was a German cross in German surroundings the German artist needed. The universal Christ spoke to a disciple who was German. He met his needs; He gave him the assurance he had to have. So the artist transplanted Calvary to his own country; he made the Chr tower over the wrecks of a particular time and pla In short, the artist made of the Crucifixion a He and Now.

May it be that there is a Lenten thought he which we need? May it be that we have a tenden to let the facts of place and time obscure for us t universal character of the salvation that was won f us on Calvary?

Where, in other words, is Calvary? In the la where Jesus lived—in the land of God's Chosen Pe ple, in the land that knew His footsteps and hea His voice so many thousand years ago? That correct. There lies the Calvary of history, and m think they know the very place.

But not only there. In other lands and times well. Calvary is where men need it; the Crucifixi is for 1955 and all the other years. Lent is Here a Now.

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Ve can and must plan; we must till the soil; we must plant the ed and harvest the crop."

Holy Ground Needs Holy Men

Alfred Nelson

We give thee but thine own,
Whate'er that gift may be,
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

ith these words Christians the world over acknowlge God Almighty as the Creator and Source of all ings. There is a direction and order over all things and on earth which can come only from Him. From e few pounds of chemicals and water which are a an, to the uncounted variety of materials contained d produced on earth for man's use, the Lord is preme.

Man emerged from the dark ages and developed his ilities and a high degree of what we call civilization. e has been often tempted to believe that it was enely his ability and prowess that built the world in hich he lives. Man gradually improved his methods of oduction; his research and long experience improved

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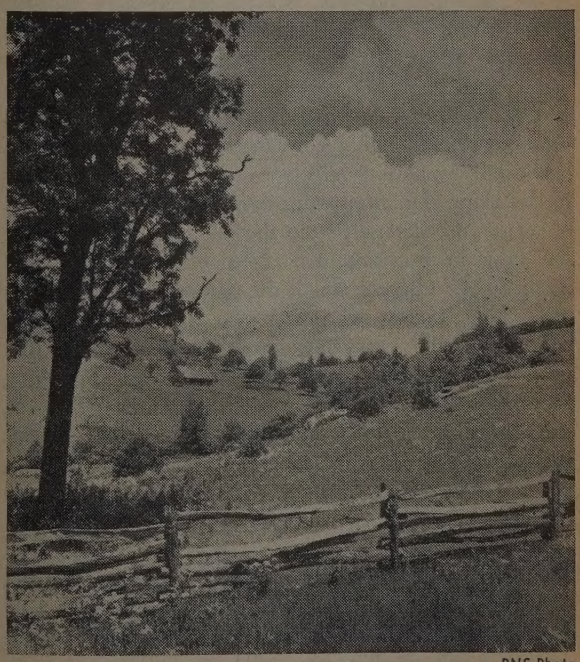
the quantity and quality of the things he produced. He multiplied his muscle power by machines; he found ways of overcoming adverse nature or short-cutting natural processes. He has actually made two blades of grass grow where one was formerly produced.

Man discovered natural wealths of minerals from which he fashioned tools and articles to hasten the modern day we know. He took natural materials to cook his food, heat his house, and convert into tremendous power. He increased the variety and quality of foods, clothing, and a multitude of things for convenience and pleasure. He has learned a measure of control over the area, sphere, and space in which he lives.

The place whereon thou standest is holy ground" (Exodus 3:5).

The ground—the soil—must be holy since it was created by the Lord, and because it has the power to



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"The bright sunshine of a new day; the song of birds in springtime . . ."

create or produce the things by which man lives on earth. Man was created in the image of God, therefore there must be holiness about him. A holy man standing on holy ground—with all the need and opportunity to act as if he were at least a little holy and to use a little of the power which the heavenly Father has created for him.

But does man act holy? On the contrary, most men live as though neither they nor the ground were holy, by failing to measure up to the opportunities for good and by misusing and abusing both man and soil.

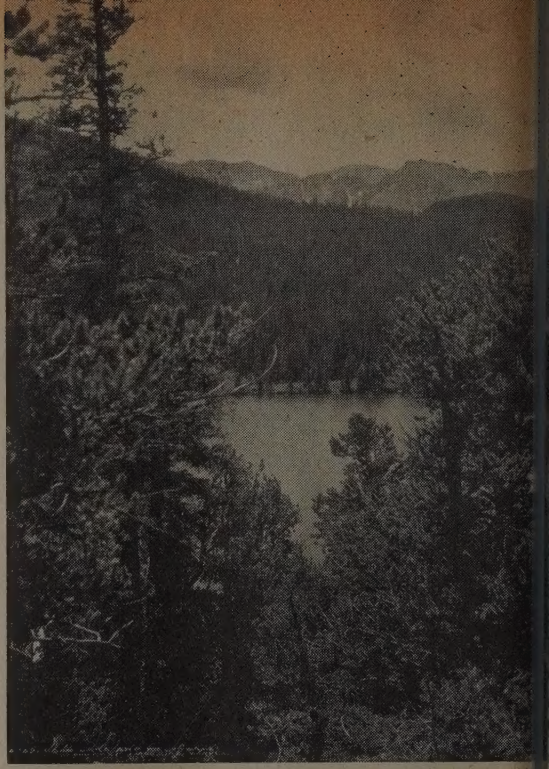
In order to produce abundantly, the soil must have the care and understanding of good men. The soil has the power to produce and reproduce to the end of time —if properly managed.

The power of the soil is not only to grow a variety of animal and vegetable crops, but also to continue the age-long process of concentrating, changing, materials—by heat, pressure, or chemistry. Thus there is coal, granite, and precious stones and minerals. There is created petroleum and gas, and even water itself.

All of these material goods—coal, iron, oil, farm crops, and forest trees, plants, and animals—are the substance of man's living, gifts that God has placed for our use. But within a few generations man can and has so misused and destroyed the natural resources that nations have vanished from the earth. He has destroyed himself by destroying things upon which he depended for life.

In some measure and to some extent, all nations and peoples have failed to maintain and perpetuate the power of the soil to produce. We Americans have misused and needlessly destroyed the natural wealth. Even a child can understand that one cannot continue to pour water from a pitcher without filling the pitcher at intervals. Neither can we continue to draw water from a well without having constant replacement. This has been done by nature, mostly without our knowing that it was being done. Growing crops take huge quantities of water and materials from the soil. The food value of any crop in nutrition depends upon the quality and quantity of nutrients which the crop can take from the soil. Crops cannot be raised year after year without restoring fertility nutrients into the soil. It is the Biblical warning that it is not possible to get something for nothing. We humans have been mining the soil, exhausting its fertility and power to produce. This marks the beginning of the end of a country and its peoples who destroy the power of holy ground to produce.

There is, however, a power of soil above and beyond that of producing material crops. It is a power of holy ground which seems to give people living close to the earth, actually working the soil with their hands, more of the God-like qualities and character than those who



The Colorado Associat

"There is the whisper of wind through pine trees . . . the sparkli blue of the heavens and lakes."

have moved away from the soil. It is no idle truth th farm-bred people have deeper qualities of hones straight thinking, and Christianity than those who ha no constant and direct contact with the good earth. S and nature, I think, have God in them, and as huma move from the soil they move into the sphere of ma power and accomplishments and away from the natu influences of the Creator.

"The place whereon thou standest is holy groun It is holy because it has a power over life and dea the power to determine how and for how long m can be supported by the products of the ground.

It is holy because it sustains men who have be created in the image of God and who should work a grow in that image during their years on earth.

The ground is, by the same token, holy when a wherever good men stand. Good men can make a ground holy by doing that which is good and holy.

On the other hand, both man and ground can cursed by a lack of good works; a soil so abused a worn that it can produce nothing of worth or value living; a man so far from the influences of good grou that everything he does is barren of good and a pois to living.

"The place whereon thou standest is holy groun and no Christian should willingly or consciously de

ate holy ground by failure to care for it or by dis-garding his own God-like origin.

"Be ye good stewards of the vineyard" is an admoni-on to be stewards of all natural resources and wealths. n the story of the creation man was given dominion f all, not as master, but as a custodian or steward. here is also the Biblical passage which says "Sufficient nto the day is the evil thereof."

If these two thoughts are combined, we might have e conclusion that if we are good and faithful stewards ere is little cause to worry from day to day. When we actice good stewardship, managing well and using isely, the soil will produce sufficiently for daily needs d the future productive power is perpetuated auto-atically.

We must however remember that there are factors f production and stewardship over which we have no ntrol, and it is useless for us to worry about them. hus, "sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof" is a minder that the ultimate of all human effort and anning rests with the Lord and is indeed a gift from im. We can and must plan; we must till the soil; e must plant the seed and harvest the crop. We must place fertility when crops are removed by harvest. But od or drought, heat from the sun or killing frost, the ague of insect and disease, these are acts of God which e visited upon us. The seven years of plenty followed seven years of famine are facts of Biblical history d illustrate that the will of the Almighty is some-ing which the human mind cannot understand. "Suffi-nt unto the day is the evil thereof" means that we ust do all that good stewards should do and have worry over those things which we cannot control.

or the years of our life on this earth we must take all e necessary steps for good living. Perpetuation of the man race on earth is a function of living and there ust also be a preparation of the necessities of living r the generations to come.

It would seem that a measure of our success as human ings and Christians preparing for an endless heavenly e must in part be our success as stewards of the tural resources. Certainly it is futile to think that man n attain his highest and noblest purpose in an earthly e if he fails himself, his fellowmen, and his offspring failure to provide the best management of this earth-home.

When a man's time on earth is ended the body is ven back to the earth from which it came. It is indeed beautiful cycle—man, come from the earth, is fed d sustained by it through the years of living and is ain returned to it when his soul departs to the heaven-home. But man's deeds as a steward and a Christian e after him, to honor his memory and bless the ople who follow.

During His lifetime Christ performed many miracles, two of which may be used here to illustrate the use of two natural resources. The Lord on one occasion changed water into wine; and on other occasions fed large numbers of people with small numbers of fishes and loaves of bread.

Man cannot work such miracles to increase or multiply the yields of products from soil and water. However, with protection and good management of the natural wealth, reasonable crops may be expected. Yet there are crop failures unexplained and many secrets of nature yet unknown. Despite mismanagement and abuse of soil, crops are produced. It is a wonder that decreased soil fertility and short water supplies can produce such constant and bountiful yields as are given to man in nine of ten years. These facts should cause man to think—he should realize that if any crop is produced under adverse conditions how much greater would be the harvest if more care and attention were given to wise management. It is but another admonition that man's efforts must be in tune with the power of God if any measure of earthly success is to be attained.

All God's people know that the Bible says, "Man does not live by bread alone." They know that man must have a Christian faith and works to have a complete life. Bread sustains the body but not the mind and the spirit.

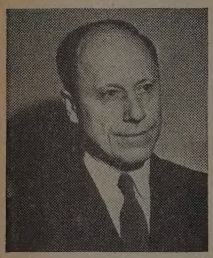
Since we believe that bread for the body is necessary if we are to live, we must accept responsibility for production of the daily bread as one of man's problems. "By the sweat of thy brow," says the Bible, man is to win his daily bread.

Of course daily bread is not only the wheat and meat which are food for the body, but all of the cloth for his back, the shelter for home, and the materials for his comfort and pleasure. It is best expressed as money income from a job with which he can buy and pay for these necessities. In short, if man is to eat he must have a job. To have a job there must be raw materials from the natural resources which can be converted into food, fiber goods, wood and metal articles, and a list of necessary things to which our civilization has become accustomed.

Finally, there are those things of nature upon this earth which give us pleasure and joy. The bright sunshine of a new day; the song of the birds in springtime; the sparkling blue of the heavens and the lakes. There is the whisper of wind through the pine trees; the breath-taking beauty of flowers: the scent of new-mown hay. There is the opportunity to travel far and wide to see the mountains of the West, the falls of Niagara, the sweep of the oceans. There is the thrill of saying that a bit of this land is ours for a home where we can have our family, welcome our friends and gain the strengths and blessings of good living.

Fortnightly Review

Fredrik A. Schiotz
President of the ELC



Dr. Schiotz

These lines are being written as the Hiawatha hurls itself along the banks of the Mississippi, eager to beat the handicaps imposed by sub-zero weather, to arrive on time in Minneapolis. Outside it is winter twilight, the darkness of the night losing some of its strength in the light that rises from a snow-covered earth. Behind me lies Milwaukee and the first day of the Evangelism Conference.

For as long as I can remember, our Church has called a few pastors and sometimes a layman to serve as preaching evangelists. Our colleges have for many years set aside an annual period known as Christian Emphasis Week. The Young People's Luther League, sparked by dedicated pastors, and with accessory stimulation from the work of the Lutheran Bible Institute, has sponsored Bible camps in such numbers that today this activity may well be described as a movement. During the last decade we have had large mid-winter Evangelism Conferences. And within the last two years the number of preaching evangelists has been increased considerably. Some of these men are now engaged in a special type of work that has been named the P-T-R Missions.

It has not been my privilege yet to participate in a P-T-R Mission, but I have caught the overflow. Not long ago a pastor who came into the office scarcely got seated before he bubbled forth in gratitude to God and the Church for the P-T-R Missions. These Missions have become a combination of preaching and Bible study, with analytical application to the life of pastors and people, enriched by group discussion and personal consultation, with much attention to visitation before and after the Missions. The statistical results are significant (see LUTHERAN HERALD for January 4, 1955, page 2).

Our Evangelism Commission and its staff have become a Marine Corps in the Church—taking care of special frontal assignments in the King's business. Recently, a stewardship leader in a sister Lutheran Church said, "I regard evangelism as far more important than stewardship." Be that as it may (for all Kingdom work is important), we thank God for the ministry of our Kingdom Marines.

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Lent lies before us. Perhaps the special services that will be a part of each parish Lenten program can, under God, be a miniature P-T-R Mission.

New Church in the Chicago Loop

Philip S. Dybv

There has never been a Lutheran church in the Chica loop. The hundreds of hotel guests staying in the lo every week are forced either to travel long distances they wish to attend a Lutheran church or else attend church of some other denomination. This has often be pointed out as a glaring lack in the church structu of the city and of the nation.

The Presbyterians have a church near the loop a the Methodists have a beautiful Methodist Temple the very heart of the loop. About a year ago the Rom Catholics also built a large loop church.

When the Lutherans considered the problem it seem insurmountable. Property is high, if available at all. best the congregation to be organized would be rath unstable because of the come and go people. Yet t need was there staring all responsible church lead in the face.

Sometime ago the Chicago loop area was assigned the Augustana Lutheran Church with the request th they make an effort to establish a church. Like assignments by the Regional Committee of the Natio Lutheran Council, this one was predicated on the f that one church was to do the job in the assigned a for all the churches of the National Lutheran Coun A pastor has now been called and accepted, namely t Rev. Lloyd L. Burke of St. Paul's Church of Oakla California. Services will be held in the same buildi that houses the Division of American Missions, the Co mission on Student Service, the offices of the Divisi of Welfare, the Augustana and United Lutheran Boa of American Missions, the Illinois Conference, and t Augustana Book Concern. The address is 327 S. La Sa Street.

The new congregation will be known as Christ King Lutheran Church. The first service was held Sunday, February 20, including a brief consecrati service for the space to be used at 10:45 a.m. and divi worship at 11 a.m. At 4 p.m. the pastor was comm sioned at a vesper service. An evening service was a conducted on the same day at 7 p.m.

The other Lutheran church offices named above h open house on that same Sunday, thus inviting t public to visit these agencies during the day.

In the very nature of the case, this new congregati will serve the needs of all Lutheran bodies in Ameri Therefore, they should receive the moral and spiritu support of all through our prayers and through c attendance when staying in the loop. May God add H blessing to this venture of faith.

The Living Cell

Conrad M. Thompson
Director of Evangelism

Recently I read of a parish which was referred to as "the living cell in the everlasting Church." Most people from America who travel in Norway do so in the summer. In many areas of American church life also, summer activity is reduced to a minimum. Since very few people are seen in the Norwegian churches during the summer it is easy to conclude that there is little hope left for the Church of Norway, forgetting the similar situation at home. They cannot see the living cell in the everlasting Church.

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To travel in Norway and visit the churches as I did in October, doesn't give one thrills of overwhelming proportions as far as church life is concerned. But you can see a Church with activity and function. It doesn't take much to see that the Church is making a sizeable attempt to cope with the "evil one" as any church should. Then, along with the activities of the Church, there are the many free groups that meet in the various communities, sometimes in the churches and sometimes in special "prayer houses." In the town where I visited, the worship in the big church was not too well attended, but another church nearby was packed with people. In the afternoon in a "prayer house" several hundred people met for worship, and in the evening 500 attended a meeting in the church, while in another several hundred were gathered for worship in still a different place in the same community. Surely, these are evidences of living cells in the church.

Of course there is much to be desired. There are evidences of competition between certain free groups, signs of enmity and dissatisfaction on the part of some toward the Church, parishes much too large to be adequately served by even three pastors, poor church attendance, and the like. But there were definite signs of hope.

Wherever I met with pastors and lay people there was unusual discontent with conditions as they are. This is a good sign. There exists a compassionate concern to reach out and win the lost for Christ. If the pastors and Christian people were perfectly content with spiritual coldness and lethargy and would not welcome a change, there wouldn't be much hope. But there seemed to be an urgent seeking, a willingness to bring a fresh revelation of the Gospel of Christ to sin-sick hearts.

It was my privilege to present the Preaching-Teaching-Reaching Missions to pastors and lay leaders' groups in Stavanger, Haugesund, Bergen, Voss, Oslo, and to pastors in the Sarpsborg area. The response was enthusiastic in every place. I sensed a sincere interest in trying *something, anything,* that would break through and be the answer to their needs. What a tragedy if they didn't care—didn't welcome any new ideas, were reluctant and hesitant about making any changes.

Pastors were eager to hear about evangelism in the ELC and were anxious to put some of the ideas into action. In fact, several places expressed a desire to inaugurate the P-T-R Mission, and one in particular, the Sarpsborg area, appointed Pastor Jens Bjønness-Jacobsen as chairman to begin making plans for a mission in the fall. Pastor Bjønness-Jacobsen, a brother-in-law of Bishop Smemo, visited our Minneapolis P-T-R and took part in it as a lay visitor. If plans continue to progress, a man or two from the Division of Evangelism will go to Norway to assist in carrying out the P-T-R Mission. Just as Norway has shared and continues to share much of its spirit and life with us, so they are eager for us to share our ideas with them.

If the Christian people of Norway undertake this type of parish evangelism, I believe that they will have unusual response under God. They are schooled in theology and Biblical knowledge. In one sense, like in many of our churches, they are "preached to death." What they need is a new emphasis on man-to-man evangelism. Of course this is a world-wide need, and one doesn't have to single out Norway to find illustrative material.

A new day is beginning to dawn in visitation evangelism in the ELC as well, and the Christians of Norway are beginning the march with us. Their concern is the same as ours. Pastors and lay leaders are praying fervently for a spiritual awakening to come. If they will follow their prayers with dynamic action, igniting the Word stored away in their lives into a flaming zeal and passion for the souls of men, a spiritual awakening will come.

Salesmen for Christianity

H. N. Ry

A SERIOUS WORD TO LAYMEN

Three or four months ago an article in one of the national business periodicals discussed the present emphasis being given to religion by the businessmen of the nation. This nation is a vast and many-sided land. Its two hundred eighty thousand churches comprise the finest equipment for producing this superior product of religious inspiration. But what the Christian religion needs today is force. As one who spent many years in the business world I can give it to you on good authority: You may have excellent facilities and you may have a product of superior quality, but you cannot succeed unless you get out and sell as individuals. You cannot leave the job to the clergy alone.

I believe that as God called upon Isaiah of old, so He calls today upon the laymen of our churches. The Christian religion needs champions who are dynamic, forceful, and unremitting in their efforts. It needs salesmen who believe in their product and who possess qualities of leadership developed to their highest point in the pursuance of their daily activities. It needs men with know-how who can introduce this product of fundamental Christianity into every heart, every mind, and every aspect of modern living. Isaiah's job, therefore, has become your job and the job of every individual possessing the fire and the enthusiasm and the ability of the true salesman. You men of business, of labor, of agriculture, you young people with determination and vision and ideas can find in this selling job a challenge that will more than match any other you might undertake.

Someone has said: "One man with courage is a majority." Think with me of what each one could do by precept and example. Suppose we were to measure the potential of The Evangelical Lutheran Church against some of the greatest events in the history of man. Only a handful of Americans guided us through the Revolutionary days. Perhaps a thousand or so brought King John to his knees when the Magna Carta was wrested from him. Christ Himself, with the world against Him, prevailed with only twelve disciples. We of The Evangelical Lutheran Church, with the fire of conviction and courage in our hearts, can become an overwhelming and dominant force in keeping Christianity and freedom alive on this continent, and one that eventually will penetrate and disperse the darkness that has been closing in on mankind.

Remember with me, if you will, a man of another time who saw about him the promise of greater things. That man was Paul, a merchant by trade. He knew the same fears which we know, fears based upon the actions of new Caesars and the secularism which these Caesa preached to mankind. He feared, as we do, that the tim might come when men could walk no more in freedon So he gave to the Galatians a bit of sound advice whic strange as it may seem, needs to be repeated and en phasized today. I should like to repeat his words. It wi be good if they find their way into every America heart. Paul's words were these: "Stand fast therefo in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free an be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

Is it too late to bring the old time Bible stand dow from the attic or up from the cellar? Is it too late give it the choice spot it once enjoyed in almost eve home—a spot today no less prominent than the TV se If it is, then it is very late indeed.

I leave the answer to you. Just how late is it, a what are you going to do about it?

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The Depth of Sin

Job 13:23. *How many are mine iniquities and my sins? Make me to know my transgression and my sin.*

I'll never know the depth of sin
That called Thee from Thy home
To save us from its ruthless power
And its impending doom.

I can not know what awful loss
The perished are to Thee,
Who, bent on saving, suffered men
To nail Thee to the tree.

How can I know? I have not seen
Yon life of perfect bliss!
How can I know who has not been
In better world than this?

And yet, when I regard Thy love,
I loathe my selfish lust!
Before Thy crystal purity
I hide my face in dust.

B. J. Rothnem

Our Finest Year

Raymond M. Olson
Director of Stewardship

The Evangelical Lutheran Church has recorded its finest year in contributions for its far-reaching program of education, missions, charities, pensions, and emergency efforts around the world. The figures listed below show a total of $3,931,085.39 received for the program supported by the Budget and in Lutheran World Action. This is $137,018.73 over 1953 contributions for these causes, or a 3.6 per cent increase. This splendid outpouring of nearly $4,000,000 by our congregations is unmistakable proof of a growing sense of responsibility and Christian stewardship. It is evidence, too, of the prayers, efforts, planning, and deep concerns which have undergirded the ingathering month by month during the year. It is proper to be grateful to one another for this good work, even while we are grateful to God.

The exciting dimensions of this 1954 record are seen more vividly by comparing contributions during the previous biennium with the one just now closed. In 1951-52 the people of our Church contributed to the Budget and Lutheran World Action a total of $3,951,212.00. In the 1953-54 biennium the contributions amounted to $7,725,952.05, or an increase of 29.8 per cent from the one two-year period to the next.

The stirring in stewardship of the people of the ELC is seen even more clearly when the Budget total for the new year, 1955, is compared with the total for the Budget and Lutheran World Action in 1952. That comparison shows an increase of 58.4 per cent! Actually, the steps have not been quite so abrupt, but the change in three years ought to be noticed with thankfulness and hope. The 1955 Budget of $4,300,000 is 16.9 per cent beyond that for 1954 and only 10 per cent beyond the receipts for 1954 indicated below. The report on income is presented below in two sections, for the Budget and Lutheran World Action. This will be the last time it will come in this divided form. In 1955 and for the following years Lutheran World Action becomes a part of the general Budget. We are pleased to know that in this last year as a special appeal it has produced 101.7 per cent of the goal.

This entire matter of bringing our contributions for the work of our Church can only be understood in the framework of our Christian faith. This is a work of God among us. Good stewardship is a work of grace. Let us all, in our homes and congregations, lift our hearts to Him who has permitted us to have this part in His work which is being done in our time.

CONTRIBUTIONS BY DISTRICTS TO THE 1954 BUDGET INGATHERING

January 31, 1955

District	*Apportionment*	*Raised*	*Status*	*Percent Raised*
Eastern	$ 740,000.00	764,869.25	24,869.25 Cr.	103.4
Northern Minnesota	327,024.00	336,144.92	9,120.92 Cr.	102.8
Southern Minnesota	699,900.00	721,873.72	21,973.72 Cr.	103.1
South Central	328,000.00	339,586.04	11,586.04 Cr.	103.5
South Dakota	290,100.00	306,080.67	15,980.67 Cr.	105.5
North Dakota	337,786.64	337,959.50	172.86 Cr.	100.1
Rocky Mountain	85,189.36	101,985.73	16,796.37 Cr.	119.7
Pacific	100,000.00	127,131.84	27,131.84 Cr.	127.1
California	47,000.00	76,011.30	29,011.30 Cr.	161.7
Canada	45,000.00	58,037.61	13,037.61 Cr.	129.0
No District	.....	71,093.17	71,093.17 Cr.	....
Lutheran Students	.....	64.33	64.33 Cr.	....
	$3,000,000.00	$3,240,838.08	$240,838.08 Cr.	108.0

CONTRIBUTIONS BY DISTRICTS TO LWA

January 31, 1955

District	*Apportionment*	*Raised*	*Status*	*Percent Raised*
Eastern	$167,240.00	162,238.84	5,001.16	97.0
Northern Minnesota	73,907.42	70,905.23	3,002.19	95.9
Southern Minnesota	158,129.50	158,242.00	112.50 Cr.	100.1
South Central	74,128.00	74,970.36	842.36 Cr.	101.1
South Dakota	65,562.60	68,553.80	2,991.20 Cr.	104.6
North Dakota	76,339.78	73,395.73	2,944.05	96.1
Rocky Mountain	19,252.80	23,907.29	4,654.49 Cr.	124.2
Pacific	22,600.00	25,984.39	3,384.39 Cr.	115.0
California	10,622.00	13,642.53	3,020.53 Cr.	128.4
Canada	11,500.00	11,867.13	367.13 Cr.	103.2
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Playing ping-pong outside the Lutheran Student Center in Taiwan.

We wish to give a brief presentation from two of the trouble spots in the world to our mission readers—far separated from each other and far different in their political tensions. The reason is that we find that in both South Africa and in Taiwan it is possible to carry on unlimited missionary activity with a great deal of success and hope for the future.

South Africa

From South Africa we have several encouraging reports.

The Rev. W. O. Rindahl who has been in South Africa in educational work for many years is now serving as principal of the Zulu Lutheran High School located in Eshowe, in the province of Natal. He reports that they have had a good year at the school and are happy at the results of the examinations taken by the students. These examinations are given by the government. If the students pass them, they are permitted to go into higher grades. If a large proportion of the students are able to master these examinations it means that the school has carried on an effective teaching program and is ranked high by the government.

Pastor Rindahl writes: "We were very pleased when we received the results of last December's examination. We entered 40 candidates for the Junior Certificate Examination of the Natal Education Department in December. Thirty-seven of these secured a full pass. The other three secured what is called a School-leaving Certificate. This does not entitle them to go on to Senior High School, but it will be of some help to them when they look for jobs. We had not expected anything like this in results, as we had the feeling all throughout the year that our students were not putting themselves into their work very much. The teachers kept plugging away, however, and evidently the students had been doing better work than we thought they were doing.

"Our school did even better than the Junior Certificate class in the local European High School. Of course, they also have a matriculation class and that is usually considered the most important examination. They did very well in that, which perhaps means they had concentrated on this work. We have not heard very many results from other native schools. I only hope that our students and teachers this year will not become careless.

"Our enrollment for this year will be up. We expect about 140 as over against a 102 total for last year. This big increase was somewhat unexpected, but it seems there have been more passes in the Primary School examinations this year. For once, most of our Lutheran

Unlimited Activity in Trouble Spots

SOUTH AFRICA AND TAIWAN (FORMOSA)

Primary Schools seem to have done well generally. It has often happened that we have had many applications from students attending our Lutheran Primary schools but who have failed and have been unable to come. This year this does not seem to be the case."

At Untunjambili, one of our historic mission stations, the Rev. Hjalmar Astrup has been serving as our missionary. He is now leaving for furlough. Succeeding him at this important station is a man who has recently come to Africa, the Rev. Herbert Nelson, who formerly served a parish in the Lemmonweir Circuit, in Elroy, Wisconsin. He gives the following report as he begins his missionary service for the district—a main station and many outstations with preaching places and schools:

"It is nearly a year since we left the U.S.A. and set sail to the new field of labor here in Africa. We have learned much and observed much in this time, both in our travel and in our stay in language school studying the Zulu language. Now we have arrived in our first appointment as District Missionary of this Untunjambili District. We moved here the first of January.

"On January 9 I was installed here at the local church. The church was more than filled and it was a thrill to see so many people turn out for the occasion which was a dual one—the leaving of the Rev. Astrup and our coming. The service was of course all in Zulu and as usual a long one, taking just a little over four hours. I managed to bring the sermon, preaching on the regular text for the day, The Baptism of Jesus. There was also Holy Communion which accounts in part for the length of the service.

"Yes, we have already gotten into the swing of things here. A week ago we had the regular Pastoral Conference consisting of both European and native pastors for three days. I was very happy to be able to be along and

greet them in their own language. The Zulu lan-
ge isn't easy but it is surprising what one can do
r one has had language school. Even though we
n't get the full year's study to complete the regular
guage course we feel we have enough background to
y us on in our work. The main trouble is to use
t which we know."

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great deal of newspaper space is given to Taiwan or
rmosa, as it is often called, in these days. Many ques-
ns come to our office about the safety of our mission-
es and the possibility of continuing mission work in
t area. We are as close to the condition as we possi-
can be, following along with all developments from
ious sources. At least for the immedate future we
see no reason for stopping our missionary program
that island.

The Rev. Arne Sovik, who is the superintendent of
Lutheran Mission there, which is a joint organiza-
n composed of missionaries from eight different Lu-
ran Churches and Mission Societies, writes as follows
a letter dated February 4:

"Things here aren't nearly as bad as the papers say.
lked to a correspondent from London who is sta-
ned here and asked him whether he thought that
ngs were as serious as the home papers seem to think.
said he thought the papers were blowing it up be-
d all reason. Nevertheless we have our eyes open,
are that in time things may become more serious."

A group of students at Zulu Lutheran High School located in Eshowe in the province of Natal. The government is now planning on taking over this school.

Concerning the activity in Taiwan, we have the following report from Miss Clara Jones.

"The climax of Christmas came on Sunday morning, the 26th, when 91 were baptized. Of these, 26 adults and 36 children came from our own Truth Church, and the others came from an outstation near Taipei who claim membership here, but do not live here. Among those baptized were the wives and children of two of the professors who were baptized last February. We rejoice in seeing that the wives are joining their husbands in making their homes Christian. Another professor was also baptized. Miss Chang, the dean of women at Taiwan University who has 800 girls under her supervision, was also baptized. Pray with us for these and for the others asking that they may grow in faith and that they will lead many others into fellowship with Christ."

EI, TAIWAN—This is the baptism on December 26, 1954, at Truth Lutheran Church and Student Center, which is described in this le.

Limiting God's Power

Harold B. Kildahl

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
March 6, 1955
Text: Mark 9:17-29

The amazing part of this text is not to be found in the fact that Jesus drove an evil spirit out of a child. The drama of the text lies in the act of disposing of the foul spirit, to be sure, but the startling aspect of the text lies in the words of our Lord when He said: "All things are possible to him that believeth." There is no divinely placed limitation to the power of God, either directly stated or implied in the words of the text. That word "all" is present. It knows no limitations and no exclusion. It is all-inclusive.

Let's agree to this—the only limitation to the power of Christ is the limitation that man by his lack of faith and confidence attributes to Christ. For certainly it is true that we do not, either individually or congregationally, move and act and plan and pray in the certainty of unlimited power. Too often we act and move like frightened men. Too often our individual lives and our corporate congregational lives are indicative of apology rather than power. At the root of frightened and hesitant action lies a feeble, traditional faith. And it is too bad, really, when God expects His people to do the really great things of the day!

Those disciples too had to learn the simple elements of true Christianity. They were on the way, of course, but they had not arrived. Thus far they were enamored by Christ, they were thrilled by Him and by His accomplishments. They were followers, but they had not come to full faith. They were learners, but they had not learned. They were as Saint Paul puts it: always and forever learning, but never coming to the knowledge of the truth. The disciples did arrive one day. They learned, and they applied their learning to life; but the process was one that extended over three years. Finally they realized that the power Christ had employed was also theirs to employ—by the means and on the strength of faith. What they ultimately learned we too ought to learn. What they applied to life, we ought to apply to life. What is it? The power of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Are you ashamed to confess His name? Are you afraid to offer a firm witness? Are you reluctant to be identified with the Church in its evangelism program? Do you want your pastor to be a "good fellow" and a "hail fellow well met" so that he fits in with any and every kind of group? Do you want the Church to soft pedal sin and to "silence evil to death"? Is your congregation limping along on the basis of ten cents per week per confirmed member for the synodical apportionment? It is really a shame isn't it? When the power of Jesus Christ is offered in unlimited abundance!

Ministry of Music

Oscar R. Over

The choirmaster often lives a tight-rope-walker's li He precariously takes his chances with unpredicta choir members and approaches his weekly deadlin stretched as they are to the nerve-breaking point, faith that when the suspense is over he can draw breath again. He realizes, with little comfort, that average choir member likely has no concept of predicaments and hence does not indulge in sympat

At the rehearsal they both, director and singer, the crucial test. The anthem to be ironed out for next service was perhaps one of fine poetic fiber required disciplined sensitivity in all members. T singers were asked to play the artist's role—to give c tour, texture, and balance to a subtly spun masterpi The minutest details of nuance and phrasing were be activated into living art. The director remin them that "trifles make perfection, but perfection no trifle."

In this delicate process each individual choir me ber had to be fused with the others in a breath-tak experiment—a great laboratory venture, as it we Would the miracle happen? Could all individuali be blended, lost in a composite tone that might exc the vocal limitations of the choir and bring the hear into contact with the beauty of holiness? In this s render of ego, the Scriptures are in a unique way f filled. The person is lost to become a part of someth greater than himself. With sacred words to direct h we hope he may have a never-to-be-forgotten mom on the Mount of Transfiguration, and that his s may draw the veil from the windows of heaven others can look in.

The director had labored diligently to memorize song and to discover the true meaning and express that the composer had in mind in every phrase measure. At the rehearsal he wanted to share his coveries with his choir and prime them for an enr ing experience.

Then came Sunday morning. The choir director chewing his fingers. Two unbridled tenors and a s ambitious alto who had not attended the rehea breezed into the choir chattering merrily. Should t be dismissed? No, they were already in their ro The director had to risk another chance—the res were tragic. Three voices roared in where angels fea to whisper. The song which had spellbound ev body at the rehearsal was deflated, like a soapbu that tries to bounce on pinpoints. It lay in the chu aisles and in memory like the wreck of a once beaut dream. Choir members, please attend rehearsals!

Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Hestenes

TOWARD THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

The Lesson: Revelation 2:8-11

The Gospel: Luke 4:31-37

Monday, March 7
ON BEING ALIVE
Read Galatians 2:17-21

I have been crucified with Christ; it s no longer I who live, but Christ who ives in me.

A group of Christian students once dopted the theme, "Youth comes to life when Life comes to youth," for their onvocation. This was a good theme because it puts into words the truth that Paul sets forth here. No one can be alive unless God in Christ has made him alive. Without Christ we have nothing but the ppearance of life while in truth we are lead in our sins. But by faith in what Christ has done for us—and trusting that lone—we are made alive by Him. From hat point on it is not this "me" that is iving, but Christ in me.

The wonderful thing about this is that n addition to the assurance of salvation rou have the joy of seeing better, and behaving according to a higher will. Serving self is death; serving God and our neighbor is life.

Thanks be to Thee, O Christ, for the Life you bestow on us. Amen.

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Tuesday, March 8
BUSY CHURCHES
Read John 2:13-25

"Take these things away; you shall not make my Father's house a house of trade."

This is one time Jesus showed His feelings by putting on a demonstration of His righteous anger. Coming into the temple that day, the very things He saw going on made it look more like a marketplace than a place of worship. Because it was His Father's House, He proceeded to clear it of merchants and merchandise.

Churches can be busy and they can be busy. They can work hard at the right business or they can waste themselves in doing the wrong business. In simple words, the business of the Church is to bring God to people and people to God. This alone requires much work. Anything the Church can do to further this aim, so that the Holy Spirit can bring salvation, is pleasing to Christ. But the Church must take care lest its business become nothing but busyness—a lot of effort that fails to do anything about the great business of the Church.

Keep our Church working for Thee. Amen.

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Wednesday, March 9
TRUE HELP
Read Psalm 25

Turn thou to me, and be gracious to me; for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart . . . and forgive all my sins.

David prays to God because he needs help. He makes a plea to Him for he has no other place to turn. In this he was wise. God is able to help in trouble; He is able to forgive sin, the source of all the trouble.

Two things happen to us in relation to God when we need Him most. Sometimes we feel He disappears, He deserts us; we wonder why we are asked to undergo a hard trial. Then, when we turn to Him in spite of our questions and doubts, He gives us the help we need. To believe God in sunshine and to believe Him in rain, are, in a sense, two different beliefs.

This very day, many people will meet a hard trial, feel lonely and afflicted, or come to grips with sin. May they pray to God and ask for His help. In so doing they will not be left to themselves.

Give us true dependence on Thee. Amen.

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Thursday, March 10
THE PATTERN
Read 1 Peter 1:13-16

As he who called you is holy, be holy ourselves in all your conduct.

Here is a mark for all Christians to im at. In a word, it is to be like Christ. He is the pattern for His own followers. And every Christian should know that it s not an easy one to follow.

Unless we have been misled in our Bible knowledge, we will agree that there s none of us who is holy. We do not hold with some who say that we may reach a point of "sinlessness" in this life; where we have become so possessed of he Spirit that sin is driven out of us ntirely. How good it would be if that were true!

Our holiness is given to us. It was arned for us by Christ. We commit sin but we have forgiveness for that sin if ve seek it of God. We rejoice in this pplied holiness. Then, in our daily walk ve seek to do as Christ would do. We ry to make our conduct say the same hing our faith and confession say. Actions speak much louder than words!

Conduct us in Thy way, O Christ. Amen.

Friday, March 11
WHAT'S AHEAD?
Read Luke 9:51-56

As they were going along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

You would think that these were just the words that Jesus wanted to hear. They were so full of enthusiasm, and the man must have been breathless, very anxious to get on this program Jesus was offering. But Jesus knew that the man didn't know what he was saying. Just in case the man hadn't thought of it, there was trouble up ahead, and it would be well for him to know it now. Then, if he still showed enthusiasm, if he still wanted to follow, all right. Chances are, it would be genuine. It would last.

Whenever you decide to go along with Jesus you are asking for trouble. It is not the easy road, but it is the right road. And the devil, the world, and our own flesh work overtime to throw blocks in the way. Here is where the trouble comes. Jesus ran into trouble, but He never turned away. He went on.

Keep us steadily on the course. Amen.

Saturday, March 12
SOFT-PEDALING
Read Jeremiah 26:1-5

"Do not hold back a word. It may be that they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way."

Jeremiah may not have liked this assignment so well—to go to the people and speak "all the words that I command you to speak." There were some hard words in it, straight from the shoulder. Evil was called evil, and danger was called danger, and the people were in trouble with God. The order was to tell them the same and not to hold back a word.

What could Jeremiah do? Was there a temptation to tone it down, to use easier words? Change the names a little, maybe? Soft-pedaling is a good word for this sort of thing. Nobody likes the word sin, so use something like "failure." People don't like to hear about hell, so just don't mention it. People like to sleep, so just let them sleep. That's soft-pedaling.

When we read the Bible, give testimony, or hear sermons, let us pray that never shall a single word be held back.

Help us to declare the whole truth. Amen.

Here and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M. Olson

SURVEY SHOWS GOOD USE OF FILMS IN CHURCHES

Use of motion pictures as a supplement to religious education programs is a firmly established practice in most Protestant churches, according to a three-year study made under the supervision of Yale Divinity School. Nearly three-fourths of the churches surveyed reported the use of motion pictures during the year. However, all the churches revealed a lack of adequate information about the availability of appropriate movies, and of facilities and techniques for making the most of the films.

In all cases the primary audience was the children in Sunday schools and youth groups. Films were used mainly for entertainment; rarely were classes prepared for what they would see, nor was there any kind of educational follow-up. Despite rather general use of films for other church groups—Sunday night congregations, men's meetings and women's societies—the ministers of the churches, when polled on the films' effectiveness, rated them lowest in securing Christian commitment. They found them almost equally poor in stimulating support for the church program. But they gave them top rating for "conveying information."

The churches used films produced by the denomination to which they belong almost two and a half times as frequently as those produced by another denomination.

PRESIDENTS OF CHURCHES IN NATIONAL LUTHERAN COUNCIL

NLC Photo

Shown here are the Lutheran churchmen who lead the eight bodies holding membership in the National Lutheran Council. Seated, left to right: Dr. T. O. Burntvedt, Lutheran Free Church; Dr. Oscar A. Benson, the Augustana Lutheran Church; Dr. Henry F. Schuh, the American Lutheran Church; Dr. John Wargelin, Suomi Synod. Standing, left to right, Dr. Fredrik A. Schiotz, The Evangelical Lutheran Church; Dr. Hans C. Jersild, the United Evangelical Lutheran Church; Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, the United Lutheran Church in America; and Dr. Alfred Jensen, the American Evangelical Lutheran Church. The photo was taken at the 37th annual meeting of the Council in early February.

RE-ELECTED TO OFFICE

NLC Photo

Re-elected to office by the National Lutheran Council at its recent annual meeting were these four Lutheran leaders. Seated, left to right: Dr. Henry F. Schuh, president of the American Lutheran Church, vice president; Dr. Oscar A. Benson, president of the Augustana Lutheran Church, president; Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz, secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America, secretary. Standing is Mr. Fred C. Eggerstedt, ULCA layman, again named as treasurer.

AWAIT SUPREME COURT RULINGS ON CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

U. S. district attorneys have been instructed by the Justice Department to delay further prosecutions of religious objectors for violation of the draft law until the U. S. Supreme Court has ruled on several points raised by four Jehovah's Witnesses.

Appeals by the four young men, who were convicted by federal district courts of refusing induction into the armed services, will be heard by the Supreme Court shortly. The principal question to be decided by the court is a religious objector's right to confront witnesses who have given derogatory information as to his character or sincerity of religious beliefs to the FBI during the latter's field investigation. The court will also be asked to rule on whether a draft registrant's willing-

DR. EMPIE HONORED

NLC Photo

. Paul C. Empie, executive director of the National Lutheran Council, was honored at Council's annual meeting for ten years of leadership and service to the Lutheran ency. Here, he and Mrs. Empie admire the framed, illuminated testimonial presented to n by Dr. Rees Edgar Tulloss, former NLC president, at right, on behalf of the Council.

ss to engage in self-defense and par-ipate in a "theocratic war" bars him om claiming exemption as a consci-tious objector.

ETHODIST BISHOPS OF SOUTH EFEND CENTRAL JURISDICTION

Methodist bishops of the Southeastern risdiction defended the organization-plan of The Methodist Church, hich places Negro congregations in a gregated Central Jurisdiction. A state-ent read to 1,500 delegates, stated at the present system protects the ghts and privileges of minorities. "It evident to us," the statement added, hat the Central Jurisdiction has af-rded our Negro membership oppor-nities and privileges they have not therto enjoyed. On account of it they ve been called to places of leadership d have been accorded large repre-ntation in the councils of the hurch." They pointed out that aboli-on of the Central Jurisdiction would vide Negro Methodists into small inorities scattered over five jurisdic-ons with less opportunity for leader-ip.

The Southeastern bishops pleaded r patience, good-will, humility, and a villingness to be led by the Spirit of od" in the search for solutions to ce relations problems. "We sincerely lieve," they said, "that if we can aintain this spirit and attitude, the races that live side by side in the south-land will of their own accord adjust their relationships in the spirit of Christian brotherhood to the lasting benefit of all."

WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

The board of trustees of Carthage College, Carthage, Illinois, has decided to ask its four supporting synods of the United Lutheran Church in America to relocate its campus. The synods are the Illinois, Iowa, Northwest, and Wartburg Synods. The president, Dr. Harold Lentz, told the trustees it would cost $5,000,000 during the next four years to relocate the college. Repeated requests have been made that it move to southern Wisconsin. . . . Bishop Hans Meiser of Munich, chairman of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany and bishop of the Lutheran Church in Bavaria since 1933, will retire on May 1, at the age of 74. The United Church which he heads (VELKD) has a membership of 17.7 million, nearly half of all Protestants in Germany. . . . Court-conducted clinics to salvage marriages about to be broken are proposed in a bill introduced in the Ohio legislature. Ministers, priests, and rabbis would be among the instructors at the clinics. The proposed law would require principals in an action for divorce or alimony to attend an educational clinic once a week or until 26 lecture periods are completed. If the party found to be at fault by the court had failed to attend the clinic and to contest the divorce or alimony action he would not be permitted to remarry.

DR. MOTT BURIED IN WASHINGTON

RNS Photo

The body of Dr. John R. Mott, honorary president of the World Council of Churches, who died on January 31, at the age of 89, is carried into the Washington Cathedral (Washington, D.C.) for the funeral service and burial. Leading the cortege is Dean Francis B. Sayre, of the Cathedral. Behind him are Episcopal Bishop Angus Dun of Washington, (right); and Bishop Herbert Welch, retired Methodist Bishop of the New York area. Participating in the funeral were 50 honorary pallbearers representing communions affiliated with the World Council.

CANADA AND MIDWEST REPRESENTED AT CONFERENCE

Canton, S. Dak.—Augustana Academy was host to a Lutheran Academy Conference February 21-23 and presidents of various Lutheran academies of the Midwest and Canada attended.

Purpose of the conference was to afford opportunity for the leaders to discuss the programs and problems of the academies.

Dr. Orville Dahl of Minneapolis, executive secretary of the Division of Higher Education of The Evangelical Lutheran Church, addressed the opening session. Special music was provided by the Augustana Academy a cappella choir, under the direction of Clifton Madson. This choir will make a five-week tour of the West in June.

The Rev. Russell Peterson, president of Dakota Lutheran Academy, Minot, N. Dak., addressed the group on February 22. President Clarence Larson of Oak Grove Academy, Fargo, N. Dak., a school of the Lutheran Free Church, spoke at the afternoon session. Luther Gronseth, director of public relations at Luther College and Academy, Wahoo, Neb., a school of the Augustana Lutheran Church, also spoke. Gronseth was formerly coach and director of public relations at Augustana Academy.

On February 22 the conference visitors and the Augustana Academy faculty were guests of the Academy at an evening dinner. The speaker was Dr. Jacob Tanner, former professor at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., and at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., and now instructor at Waldorf College, Forest City, Iowa.

The closing session was held February 23. President Sidney Rand of Waldorf College spoke. A business session ended the conference.

In addition to those participating in the conference, a number of other academy representatives attended the sessions. Among them were President K. C. Grundahl, Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute (ELC), Outlook, Saskatchewan, Canada; President von Riezen, Freeman College and Academy, Freeman, S. Dak.; and President Arthur W. Anderson, Minnehaha Academy, Minneapolis.

PLANS FOR MIKKELSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY AT AUGUSTANA COMMENDED

Augustana College received a commendation on their Mikkleson Memorial Library at the recent meeting of the American College and Research Division of the American Library Association.

Kordillia Johnson, head librarian, and W. E. Bentizinger, architect from Harold Spitznagel and Associates, designers of the library, attended the two-day conference in Detroit, Michigan, of the ACRL Library Plans Institute.

Critics in attendance at the conference stated that Augustana College had shown foresight in providing the microfilm room in the new library. The group also commended the inclusion of rooms for the Carnegie Music and Art Collection. Members of the group agreed that closed stacks were fast becoming impractical and they praised Augustana's use of open stacks.

Walter W. Wright, University of Pennsylvania, led the discussion of the Augustana plans. Mr. Wright is editor of the American Library Association publication.

Augustana College was the first college to be chosen from South Dakota and this area to attend the conference which is limited to college and university libraries. Others submitting plans were Western Michigan College of Education, Olivet College, Adelphi College and the Universities of New Hampshire, Kansas, Maryland Medical Center, and Purdue.

WALDORF COLLEGE ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR SPRING TOUR OF THE CHOIR

Plans for the 1955 concert season of the Waldorf Choir have been announced by President Sidney A. Ran of the college. Included are several co certs on Sundays in February an March and the annual two-week to in April. Cities and towns in Iow Minnesota, Illinois and Wisconsin wi hear this well known choir during i 36th season, the 27th under the dire tion of Professor Odvin Hagen.

Featured in this year's concert pr gram are "Skriv dig Jesus paa m hjerte," a composition of the direct sung in Norwegian, and a numb sung in the Zulu language, "Sala Kahle." This latter number originat in the church in Zululand, South A rica, one of the mission fields of Th Evangelical Lutheran Church. Co pleting the program are numbers such composers as Bach, Tschesnoko Mozart, and F. Melius Christiansen, well as works by such contemporari as Paul Christiansen, Frank Poole and Daniel Moe.

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE TAKES HONORS AT DEBATE TOURNAMENT

Augustana College swept the hono in both the men's and women's div sions of the Red River Valley Deba Tournament held at Concordia an MSTC in Moorhead recently. Thir place went to St. Olaf in the women division, while Montana State Unive sity of Bozeman and Northern Sta Teachers of Aberdeen, S. Dak., fi ished third and fourth respectively.

Placing first, second, and third r spectively in men's oratory were Fran Nelson, St. Olaf; Charles Peterso Northern State, and Ralph Zimme man, Wisconsin State.

Women's division impromptu spea ing honors went to Rose Privbil, Ea Claire; Alice Skewes, Hamline; an Lois Cooper, St. Olaf.

In the men's impromptu Paul Ro ness, Augustana College, received fir place honors. Charles Bush, Wiscons State, and Wayne Walleksen, St. Ola placed second and third.

Magnified" Print Magazine

new publication, *The Christian Magnifier,* a magzine in "magnified" print, is being published on an xperimental basis by the Lutheran Braille Evangelism ssociation. An effort is being made to determine the umber of readers who need or would enjoy a Christian agazine in large print.

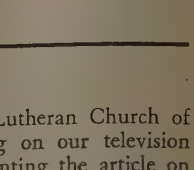
The first issue was published several months ago nd was sent to Homes for the Aged, to pastors, and others who had previously expressed interest in largerint material. The response to this issue was so encourging that the Association decided to publish three more xperimental numbers during January, February, and Iarch.

The Christian Magnifier is published in a large, easy read 18 point type. It contains various selections from eligious articles and poetry, including one hymn from e proposed new hymnal.

Co-editors of the magazine are the Rev. Stewart N.)ale, promotional and field director, Work for the)eaf and Blind, ELC; and the Rev. Carl Sunwall, astor, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in St. Paul, Minn., ugustana.

The Lutheran Braille Evangelism Association is an ndependent organization whose purpose is to publish eligious materials for people with impaired vision. The fficers of the Association are members of various Luheran general bodies.

Anyone wishing a sample copy of this magazine ould write to Lutheran Braille Evangelism Associaon, 2723 York Ave. North, Minneapolis 22, Minneota. Pastors who have members in their congregations ho they think might benefit by this type of publicaon should refer the names of the individuals to the ssociation and sample copies will be sent to them. hey might also wish to write for the number of copies eeded for distribution in their parishes.



Correspondence

THANK YOU!

►On behalf of the members of the Lutheran Church of he Good Shepherd who are working on our television rogram, I want to thank you for printing the article on Come and See" in your January 18, 1955, issue of Lutheran Herald. It has meant much to us to be recognized this way by your magazine. From the start, we have tried to do work that would be worthy of the name of our Church and in a small way further its evangelism program. Your efforts in telling others of this work have been an inspiration to us all.

Since the article was written, our second contract has been renewed by WREX-TV. The station took a survey of listeners before renewing the contract and found that there are between eighteen and twenty-one thousand persons viewing our program each week. We have now begun a series of programs based on New Testament texts.

Thank you again for your personal interest in our work.

Ruth M. Varland
(Mrs. Orville L. Varland, Jr.)
Rockford, Illinois

A THANK YOU

►I am taking this means of thanking you for sending your paper, Lutheran Herald to our hospital.

We have few Lutherans here, but as chaplain I distribute the magazine to other patients after I have read it myself. I also quote frequently from it in our *Mountain Talk,* station newspaper.

We do appreciate having it, and it is a welcome addition to our religious papers.

George L. Cutton
Chaplain, Clarksburg, West Virginia

SUCCESSFUL EVANGELISM

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).

►With the drawing to a close of the PTR evangelism mission in our city of Milwaukee, let us not look upon it as a past event, a finality. No, it is but a commencement, a time to commence to win more souls for Jesus Christ in the days that lie ahead for each of us. With this commission in mind, allow me to express what, in my opinion, is the first requisite to successful evangelism. The Master has well stated it in the Scripture that I quoted as my salutation.

Before we can win others to Him, we must ourselves be in accord with Him. We are admonished to follow in His steps. On Calvary's cross, He gave Himself for us. Anything less would not have atoned for even one of our multitude of sins. Only by so doing could He re-unite sinful, separated humanity with the Triune Godhead. Only when we, as Christians, are willing to offer ourselves as recruits for the Kingdom, can we re-unite them to our God and open their lives to the storehouse of blessings found there. It is not sufficient to offer them our edifice to come into, our hymnals to sing from, or our pastor to listen to, and otherwise remain aloof from them and their presence. Jesus did not offer us His possessions on Calvary. He offered us His very Self. How different this is in contrast, isn't it?

Our congregations must be centers of lovingkindness and warm hospitality. They will only be as warm as the sum temperature of their constituent members. As individuals, we must "lay down our lives" for *His sheep.* Yes, lay them down, dedicate them, and plan them in such a way as to strengthen our Father's Kingdom. We must share our lives with them so that we are united with them in the Holy Spirit. Let us go forward now in the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ and win souls for him. Yes, and we will be deeply enriched by it as well.

Vernon G. Packard
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

LET'S BE MODEST ABOUT IT

► I have often wondered why any one of our fine college choirs should be advertised as "the world's greatest choir," or some similar statement. It smacks of the nauseating radio and TV commercials about beer, coffee, cars, etc. Why should our colleges allow anyone to advertise their Christian musical organizations along the same line?

Jesus said, "Learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart." The Spirit's testimony in our hearts of their worth and place in the musical world is better than that of someone less experienced. What was said by some noted music critic some years ago of one choir may be said by the same of another choir after more recent hearing. Memories fade, you know!

I may have my favorite choir, but if anyone says: "That's the world's greatest choir," I feel like asking him: "How do you know?"

Yours for honest advertising,

(The Rev.) C. A. Fritz
Waubun, Minn.

ARE SOCIOLOGISTS "EXCUSERS"?

►I note in your issue of January 25 an item on page 92 on the subject of sociologists as "excusers." The general tenor of this report on a speech presented in a Catholic Sociological Society meeting was that sociologists seek to deny the freedom of the will and man's moral responsibility.

It may be that some extremists in my profession do take such a position. However, as far as I have been able to determine, most researchers in this field today are not aiming to destroy the foundations of faith, but rather to find truth. In company with all men of science they are committed to a world of order rather than a world of chance, as a working hypothesis. It is true that investigations into the causation of delinquency and crime have tended to support this hypothesis in that certain factors can frequently be identified as tending to be associated with anti-social behavior. (Although "association with" does not mean the same as "cause of", the discovery that there is an association of factors would tend to throw suspicion in that direction.) That is, it would probably be rather rarely that an investigator who takes careful look at his cases would find that "the offender decided freely and in cold boldness to commit the crime." If we are willing to consider all the "facts" (to quote Sergeant Friday), we are likely, it appears, to find a number of conditions which must be viewed as tending to limit this freedom of decision.

Is it not implicit in our doctrine of original sin that after the Fall man was no longer able to walk in the freedom with which he was created? Sin entered the world, including human society and the human heart, and through its distortions of mind and emotions and social life began and has ever continued to put its shackling pressures upon the lives of men. Whatever may be the articles of faith (or the lack of them) of individual sociologists, it would seem that they are constantly spelling out for us the devious ways in which sin is operative. It is sin and its father, not the sociologists, which are robbing man of his free will! Perhaps we cringe when we hear the student of juvenile delinquency condemn phases of our community life and family life as conducive to moral failure of our youth, and in our desire to avoid looking at unpleasant truths we raise false issues such as those mentioned in this news item.

It might be said in passing that research in these areas to date has not uncovered any factors which are related delinquency and crime in any one-to-one manner. Far fro it! Coefficients of correlation are seldom above .50. There plenty of room left yet before the scientists have done wi man's freedom! Meanwhile, let us see the truth carefull sure that when we know it we shall be close to Him wl said, "I am the Way, *the Truth,* and the Life," rather th far from Him.

Raymond O. Farden
Associate Professor of Sociology
Concordia College

LET US USE OUR CHILDREN MORE!

► In many congregations about 50 per cent of our ch dren in Sunday school come from unchurched homes. W thank God for every child that comes to hear the vo of Jesus in our Sunday schools.

But are we using these children as missionaries in th own homes? The Bible says, "A little child shall le them."

A husky man may be rather tough-skinned over again the many pleas of the pastor, the parish worker, the l visitors, or even his wife as far as church is concerne But when his little boy Phil just begs, "Daddy, please co with us to church today," that gets under his skin. Y see, the Sunday school teacher had said, "Boys, just ke on begging your dads to come to church, and they will

John may have laughed at prayer over the lunch bask at work, but it is quite different if Jackie pleads at nigh "Daddy, please come upstairs and pray with me before go to sleep." The Sunday school teacher had emphasiz many times, "Boys, ask your daddy to come up to yo bed each night when he is home, and when you ha prayed your prayer, ask him to pray too."

Mrs. Jackson may appear interested and may atte church quite regularly, but she hardly ever reads the Bibl When Janet begins to urge her mother, "Mom, our Su day school teacher said every Christian should read t Bible every day," and "Mommy, why don't you?"—th really hurts and brings action.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones may have felt in their hearts for long time that they should read the Bible and pray at le once a day with the whole family gathered for devotio but they just had never started. Andy comes home fr Sunday school with a plea—"Mommy, Daddy, teacher sa 'Every Christian home should read the Bible and pray least once a day.' Why don't we?" One night Andy e brought the Bible to the supper table and said, "Dadd here it is. Please read tonight." That was too much f Mr. Jones. He could hold back no longer. That was t beginning. Now members of the Jones' family are hap with their family devotions daily. The Sunday scho teacher inspired Andy to become a missionary in his ow home.

What a field for our Church even in the homes rep sented in our Sunday schools! What an unused army witnesses for Christ in our homes! You Sunday scho teachers must inspire these boys and girls. You must tra them, show them why and how.

Let us use our Sunday school children more now in o great evangelism crusade in this limited time for harve in America.

Oscar C. Hanson
Evangelist of the ELC
Minneapolis, Minn.

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ERSONS

The Rev. O. John Nesheim of De ɔto, Wis., will terminate a 31-year- ıstorate of the West Prairie parish in ıne. He will move to Viroqua, Wis., become the superintendent of Bethel ome for the Aged in that city.

Col. S. J. Arnesen, member of Trin- Church, Brooklyn, and publisher "Nordisk Tidende," was recently ected treasurer of Lutheran World elief.

The Rev. S. L. Almlie formerly pas- r at Pigeon Falls, Wis., is now pastor the Lisbon parish in North Dakota.

The Rev. Frederick L. Damgaard of enoa, Colo., has accepted a call to the :andia-Immanuel parish, Centerville, Dak., and will move there March 1.

Mrs. Otto Bergan, one of the organ- ers in 1920 of the Trinity Church ınday school, Clinton, Minn., and nce then a teacher in the school, re- red from service at New Years. She a daughter of the late Rev. N. A. iere and the wife of Dr. Otto Bergan Clinton. During this time she served ostly as Sunday school superinten- ent.

Dr. Erling Hestenes, medical mis- ɔnary to South Africa, has arrived in le United States on a furlough, to- ether with his family.

The Rev. Arthur C. Towne, former- asistant pastor of St. Olaf Church at etroit, Mich., is now associate pastor the American Lutheran Church, uron, S. Dak.

ISTRICTS

uthern Minnesota

St. Charles, Minn. Organized on lay 20, 1954, Faith Church, one of le special Home Mission projects of 954 begun by a grant-in-aid, closed its arter membership Feb. 6 with 89 embers. The Rev. Philip A. Gangsei the pastor of this new parish.

Madelia, Minn. Representatives of e parishes of the Blue Earth and ankato circuits met here Feb. 13, in rinity Church, to consider the found- g of a home for the aged.

Preston, Minn. Grace Church, par- h of the Rev. R. J. S. Vordale has cided to erect a new church building.

Willmar, Minn. After the installa- ɔn of the Rev. Paul A. Hanson as pas- r of Vinje Church Sunday forenoon, eb. 6, the congregation held in the ternoon a reception for the pastor and his family. R. C. Sletten and Dr. O. G. Malmin, who had served as interim pastor, spoke for the congregation, and the Rev. B. L. Duckstad of Litchfield for the Willmar Circuit. At the installation services, the sermon was preached by Dr. A. E. Hanson, president of the Northern Minnesota District, father of Pastor Paul Hanson. Dr. E. C. Reinertson, president of the Southern Minnesota District, performed the act of installation.

Milan, Minn. Kviteseid congregation, parish of the Rev. Rolf D. Boe, lost its 71-year-old church by fire the night between February 6 and 7. Personal records of the pastor were lost in the fire, but the official records of the church, sealed away in a safe, were recovered.

Northern Minnesota

Ada, Minn. Having erected in 1948 a new church with a parish education wing, First Lutheran Church has now decided to build an $80,000 parish house. Benevolences for 1954 exceeded the apportionment by over $1,000, including contributions to Lutheran World Action and Lutheran Welfare. The congregation, assisted by its Ladies Aid, has placed all its homes on the **Lutheran Herald** subscription list; this totals 450 subscribers. The Rev. E. G. Larson is the parish pastor.

Aurora, Minn. A new Home Mission church is being organized in this area, due to the taconite development in the region. A Home Mission loan has been granted for the purchase of sites for parsonage and church and for the erection of buildings. Plans are also being carried out for similar developments in Hoyt Lakes, a new town about five miles east of Aurora.

North Dakota

Jamestown, N. Dak. Having started broadcasting its 11 o'clock Sunday forenoon service Dec. 19 over station KEYJ, 1400, Jamestown, Trinity Church, parish of the Rev. J. A. Nestingen, will continue to do so throughout 1955. Dedication of a new connsonata organ, given by Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Arndt and their daughter Gayle, and also of chimes given by the congregation's WMF took place Jan. 23.

Hazen, N. Dak. The Hazen English Lutheran Church, parish of the Rev. R. L. Brien, recently gave an appreciation party in honor of two officers of the church who have rendered outstanding service: Iver Lee, who since 1917 has been serving the congregation successively as deacon, trustee, and financial secretary, and John Malke, trustee since 1930 and for the last six years president of the congregation.

Pacific

Parkland, Wash. Trinity Church, parish of the Rev. Erling C. Thompson, received 78 new members Jan. 23. Sixteen were by adult baptism and 13 by adult confirmation. The member-

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOUR

Minneapolis Star Photo

Recently dedicated by Dr. Fredrik A. Schiotz, president of The Evangelical Lutheran Church, was The Chapel of Our Saviour in Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Minn., the Rev. Alf M. Kraabel, pastor. Remodeling and equipping of the chapel was a project of the young people of the congregation. Pictured at the altar are Pastor Kraabel (left) and Mr. Glen Norgaard.

NEW WISCONSIN CHURCH DEDICATED

Sunday afternoon, Feb. 13, First Lutheran Church of New Richmond, Wis., dedicated its new church. An interior view is pictured above. The rite of dedication was performed by Dr. Martin Anderson, former president of the Eastern District, as District President Schmidt was prevented by illness from being present. Guest preacher at the forenoon service was Dr. O. G. Malmin, editor of "Lutheran Herald." The new church contains besides the sanctuary itself, a section for educational purposes, and a full basement story. The cost has been kept under $120,000 because of much donated labor. The present congregation is the result of a merger in 1945 of a church with Augustana Church affiliations and of one belonging to The Evangelical Lutheran Church. Pastor of the parish since 1946 has been the Rev. E. N. Okland, who lately has resigned and on March 1 will move to Park Forest, Ill., to become the pastor of Trinity Church there.

ship now numbers 1,278 persons. The goal of a recent canvass for the building fund, $175,000, has been oversubscribed. Plans for the erection of a new church have been accepted in principle. The congregation's parish worker is Ordelle Lee, Mrs. A. Schimke is office secretary, and Constance Hanson director of youth activities.

California

Van Nuys, Calif. The new parish hall of Central Lutheran Church, parish of the Rev. Rudolph Ramseth, was dedicated Jan. 30 by Dr. Gaylerd Falde, president of the California District. The dedication coincided with observance of the congregation's 26th anniversary.

Ventura, Calif. Trinity Church, parish of the Rev. Owen E. Doely, held a reception in welcome of 35 new members on January 30.

San Diego, Calif. Clairemont Church, organized May 16, 1954, had at the end of the year 254 members and a Sunday school of about 200 pupils. On Christmas Day the congregation worshiped for the first time in its new church. Its property is valued at $150,000. Much voluntary labor reduced materially the construction cost. The Rev. Clifford O. Larson is the parish pastor.

OBITUARIES

Arthur K. Mathisen

Arthur Kristian Mathisen, a faithful member of Bethany Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., died Feb. 3 at 64 years of age. Born in Tønsberg, Norway, he came to U.S.A. in 1910. He is survived by his wife, nee Gustava Larsen, two sons, two sisters, and his aged father. One son, Arnold, is pastor at Clear Lake, S. Dak.

The Rev. O. Glesne

The Rev. Ole Glesne, pastor of D corah Church, Decorah, Iowa, fro 1916-41, died Jan. 29 at Muscatin Iowa. Funeral services were held Ja 31 in the church in Decorah which served during a quarter-century. Spea ers were: the Rev. I. M. Gjellstad, D V. T. Jordahl, and Presidents Gra skou and Ylvisaker on behalf of S Olaf and Luther College respectivel The Rev. Paul Boe spoke on behalf the family. Born Sept. 30, 1869, at S Olaf, Iowa, Glesne graduated in 189 from St. Olaf College and in 189 from the United Church Seminar After serving from 1898 to 1916 pastor at Aberdeen, S. Dak., he can in 1916 to Decorah. After resigning h Decorah pastorate in 1941 he lived f 13 years at Northfield, Minn. His fi wife, Hannah Boe, died in 1932; h second wife, Elise Torgrimson Fjel in 1946. He is survived by five son three daughters, 18 grandchildren, an one great-grandchild.

The Rev. Jacob A. O. Wulfsberg

The Rev. Jacob Aall Ottesen Wulf berg, pastor at Hartland, Minn., sinc 1917, died Jan. 30 in his 70th yea Funeral services took place Feb. 3 Hartland. Burial followed at Michiga City, N. Dak. Wulfsberg was bor June 8, 1885, at Ridgeway, Iowa. H father was the late Rev. F. E. Wulf berg. He was graduated from Luth College in 1905 and from Luther Sem nary in 1908. After a year's attendanc at the University of Minnesota he w ordained on a call to Williston, N Dak. From 1912 to 1927 he was past

MESSIAH PARSONAGE, TACOMA, WASH.

The above picture is of the new parsonage of Messiah Church, Tacoma, Wash., parish o the Rev. Herbert D. Amundson. It is located at 4802 No. 27th St., and represents a cos of about $17,000. It was dedicated Jan. 23 by District President Foss.

Michigan City, N. Dak. Later he rved the Hartland parish. In 1919 he arried Miss Clara Lillehaugen, who ed in 1921. He is survived by two ters, Mrs. Z. J. Ordal and Mrs. E. A. yd, both widows of pastors.

The Hon. John M. Nelson

John Mandt Nelson, congressman m Wisconsin during 25 years, died Madison, Wis., Jan. 29, in his 85th ar. Funeral services were held Jan. at Bethel Church in Madison, Dr. orris Wee officiating. Nelson was rn near Madison Oct. 10, 1870. In 92 he was graduated from the Uni- rsity of Wisconsin's College of liber- arts and in 1926 from its law school. rved in Congress 1906-19 and 1921- . He was an active church member d temperance worker. In 1891 he arried Miss Thea Stordahl, who died 1946. Among Mr. Nelson's surviv- s are two sons, three daughters, nine andchildren, and fifteen great-grand- ildren. One of his sons is the Rev. ron C. Nelson, Spooner, Wis.

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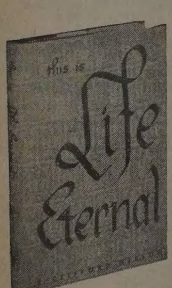

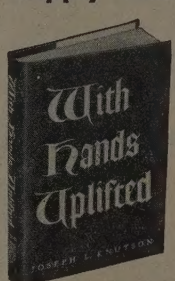

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nd I heard a voice from heaven saying, rite, Blessed are the dead who die in the rd from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, at they may rest from their labors; for their rks follow with them. Revelation 14:13.

In loving remembrance of dear ones de- rted, the following gifts for the further- ce of the Kingdom of God have been ven.

From December 27 through 31, 1954

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hnson, Mrs. Oscar I., Jewell, Iowa, $6.
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utson, Peter, Clear Lake, Iowa, $5.
ngle, Mrs. I., Pine River, Minn., $3.
rson, Even, Hanley Falls, Minn., $8.
rson, L. H., Jewell, Iowa, $11.
uve, Milton, Clarkfield, Minn., $45.
e, Mrs. Lewis, Cashton, Wis., $9.50.
ane, Mrs. Oluf, New Richland, Minn., $27.50.
iner, Charles, Decorah, Iowa, $20.
ork, Hans, Montevideo, Minn., $50.25.
orken, Mrs. Alfred, Superior, Wis., $20.
elson, Ethel, Pulaski, Wis., $25.
eshaug, Mrs. Anna, Albert Lea, Minn., $4.
esterud, Mrs. Albert, Windom, Minn., $73.
ibbelink, A. H., Boyd, Minn., $3.
ordstrom, Mrs. T., Velva, No. Dak., $5.
ien, Lena, Seattle, Wash., $25.
lson, Mrs. Ben, Hayward, Wis., $5.

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Skjeveland, Miss Bella, Hanley Falls, Minn., $15.
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Solfest, Clarence, Eleva, Wis., $10.
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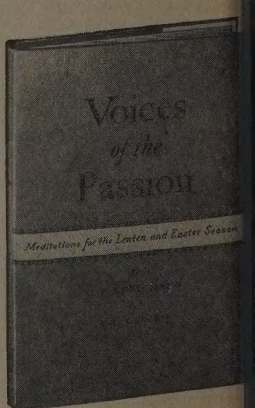

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